



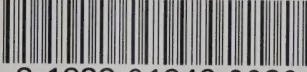


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TOWN OF  
**WEATHERSFIELD**  
VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF TOWN OFFICERS  
CALENDAR YEAR

1965



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# WEATHERSFIELD TOWN OFFICERS 1965

|                                                               |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Moderator                                                     | Melvin R. Butterfield * |
| Town Clerk                                                    | Elizabeth G. Murray     |
| Selectman to 1966                                             | Delmer M. Kelley        |
| Selectman to 1967                                             | Irving A. McCoy         |
| Selectman to 1968                                             | Philip H. Woodbury      |
| School Director to 1966                                       | Helen W. May            |
| School Director to 1967                                       | Addison Minott          |
| School Director to 1968                                       | Roald Cann              |
| Road Commissioner (resigned) <i>H. Johnson</i>                | Daniel P. Jarvis        |
| Lister to 1966                                                | Thelma P. Hoisington    |
| Lister to 1967                                                | Michael J. Kamel        |
| Lister to 1968                                                | Walter O. Murray        |
| Auditor to 1966 (resigned)                                    | Dorothy L. Campbell     |
| (by appointment)                                              | Joan B. Barton          |
| Auditor to 1967                                               | Judith B. Barton        |
| Auditor to 1968 (resigned)                                    | Jane B. Bullard         |
| Treasurer                                                     | Irene P. Hoyt           |
| Overseer of Poor                                              | Everett E. Bryant       |
| Trustee of Public Money to 1966                               | Percy I. Bliss          |
| Trustee of Public Money to 1967                               | Helen W. May            |
| Trustee of Public Money to 1968                               | Andrew A. Titcomb       |
| Tax Collector                                                 | John L. Hurd            |
| First Constable                                               | Richard A. Connor       |
| Second Constable                                              | Omar J. Cowdry          |
| Town Agent                                                    | Andrew A. Titcomb       |
| Town Grand Juror                                              | Leon M. Cleveland       |
| Cemetery Commissioner to 1966                                 | Grace Stevens           |
| Cemetery Commissioner to 1967                                 | Louise W. Covell        |
| Cemetery Commissioner to 1968 (resigned) <i>Planning Comm</i> | Claude R. Butterfield   |
| Cemetery Commissioner to 1969                                 | Andrew A. Titcomb       |
| Cemetery Commissioner to 1970                                 | Celia P. Martin         |
| Library Trustee to 1966                                       | Melvin R. Butterfield   |
| Library Trustee to 1967                                       | Grace M. Stillson       |
| Library Trustee to 1968                                       | Muriel F. Raymond       |
| Library Trustee to 1969                                       | Angelina J. Hurd        |
| Library Trustee to 1970                                       | Eliza J. Connor         |

## OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

|                                               |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Assistant Town Clerks                         | C. A. Murray; Helen W. May                     |
| Assistant Treasurer                           | Angelina J. Hurd                               |
| Chairman of Civil Defense                     | Percy I. Bliss                                 |
| Assistant Chairman of Civil Defense           | Richard A. Connor                              |
| Tree Warden & Forest Fire Warden              | Percy I. Bliss                                 |
| Second Forest Fire Warden                     | Arthur T. Connor                               |
| Fence Viewers                                 | Alan Hitchcock, Perley Hoyt & Walter O. Murray |
| Administrative Officer Sign Control Ordinance | Andrew A. Titcomb                              |
| Health Officer (to October 1st, 1966)         | Elsie H. Johnson, L.P.N.                       |
| Trustees Martin Memorial Hall                 |                                                |

|                |                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                | Mary A. Jenness, Celia P. Martin, Madalyn Butterfield |
| Truant Officer | Richard A. Connor                                     |

## ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION, November 3, 1964

Justices of the Peace: 2 years ending January 31, 1967  
Percy I. Bliss, Leon M. Cleveland, Norman J. Corey, Charles A. Murray, Walter O. Murray, Karl Stevens and Herman S. Young

Reapportioned House: District 53 Cavendish-Weathersfield Representative  
Elected at Special General Election - November 23, 1965

Dwight A. Pickard of Cavendish

## WEATHERSFIELD TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 2, 1965

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and the Town School District transacted the following business at a legally warned meeting at the Town Hall in Weathersfield, Vermont on March 3, 1965: Melvin Butterfield, moderator, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., read the warning and declared the ballot box open for article 2.

ARTICLE 1. Melvin R. Butterfield was re-elected moderator and Elizabeth G. Murray was re-elected town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. The town voted to grant the sale of malt and vinous beverages with 74 YES votes and 15 NO votes. It voted the sale of spirituous beverages with 68 YES votes and 21 NO votes. The vote under this article was by ballot and a check list was used. The ballot box opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 3:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to accept the reports of Town Officers. *yes*

ARTICLE 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes. *yes*

ARTICLE 5. Voted to pay the Town Treasurer, in lieu of the statutory 1%, a straight salary of \$2,400.00 for the year which will include travel expenses and to pay other town officers \$1.25 an hour and \$.08 a mile for travel on town business. Voted by voice vote. *yes*

ARTICLE 6. See Weathersfield Town Officers for those elected or appointed.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to appropriate \$950.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch; \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books to be added to the War Memorial Library and \$150.00 for shelves at the Perkinsville Branch. *\$500.00*

ARTICLE 8. Voted to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each. *yes*

ARTICLE 9. Voted to authorize the School Directors to pay up to \$560.00 for secondary tuition for the school year 1965-1966.

ARTICLE 10. Voted not to authorize the School Directors to pay \$12.50 per pupil attending Windsor High during the fall half-year of 1965, for capital costs.

ARTICLE 11. Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a Municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.

ARTICLE 12. Voted not to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used in conjunction with State Funds for construction on the Center Road.

ARTICLE 13. Voted the sum of \$1,000.00 for resealing and repair of approximately 1 mile of black top on the Center and the Airport Roads. (These funds if voted to be matched by the State, their share being \$2,000.00).

ARTICLE 14. Voted we do not build the Hammond Bridge over Branch Brook the Town to vote \$4,000.00 for its construction. (The estimated cost of the bridge was \$20,000.00, the State pays 80% and the Town's share is 20%.) Voted by ballot. 104 votes YES, we do not build. 26 votes NO, we do not build. 130 votes cast.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell to Philip V. Jarvis for \$150.00 approximately one-fifth of an acre of land adjacent to his property on the Center Road.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to pass over the article to see if the Town will vote to exempt livestock and poultry from taxation.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to pass over the article to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to help the recreation area at Stoughton Pond in Weathersfield and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 to defray the cost of operation.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Joint Zoning Commission with the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville to prepare a preliminary zoning plan.

ARTICLE 19. Voted not to allow a 4% discount on all taxes paid prior to becoming delinquent.

ARTICLE 20. Voted a tax rate of \$8.25 divided as follows:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| General Fund   | \$1.41      |
| Highways       | .35         |
| Winter Roads   | .30         |
| Equipment      | .11         |
| Town Deficit   | .38         |
| School Deficit | <u>.20</u>  |
|                | \$2.75      |
| Schools        | <u>5.50</u> |
| Total Tax      | \$8.25      |

ARTICLE 21. Voted to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute: To pay taxes to Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due May 15 and delinquent after May 31st.

To have real and personal taxes due August 1 and delinquent after November 1.

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 22. A book on Yankee Epitaphs and History was presented to Mrs. Louise W. Covell, long time cemetery commissioner, in grateful recognition of her many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Town of Weathersfield. Another book "Vermont Treasury" was inscribed by voters as a get-well-gift to Mrs. Helen W. May, School Director, who was a patient in the Springfield Hospital.

There was some discussion concerning the inclusion of music, dental hygiene and physical education in the school program in view of the reduced school tax vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Elizabeth G. Murray  
Weathersfield Town Clerk

SPECIAL PROPOSED JOINT ZONING TOWN MEETING  
WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

At a legally warned meeting of the voters of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont held July 12, 1965 at the Town Hall in Weathersfield Center from 12 o'clock noon until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time the Proposed Joint Zoning Plan of The Incorporated Village of Perkinsville and The Town of Weathersfield was voted on. The clerk read the warning. The ballot read:

Shall the Town of Weathersfield adopt the proposed Joint Zoning Plan of The Incorporated Village of Perkinsville and The Town of Weathersfield, Vermont which was approved by the legislative bodies on May 26, 1965 and published in the Daily Eagle on June 11, 1965? A copy of the plan is posted at the Town Office in Perkinsville, at the General Store in Perkinsville, the General Store in Amsden, Scribner's General Store in Ascutney and at the Town Hall in Weathersfield Center.

If in favor of adoption, make a cross (X) in this square ☐

If opposed to adoption, make a cross (X) in this square ☐

There were 248 NO votes and 125 YES votes plus one blank ballot. A total of 374 of the 678 on the check list 1 expressed an opinion. The proposed zoning ordinance was defeated.

Attest: Elizabeth G. Murray  
Weathersfield Town Clerk

For information purposes, on the same day the voters of the Incorporated Village of Perkinsville also voted on the Proposed Joint Zoning Plan. Their voting took place in the Town Office in Perkinsville under the direction of Mrs. Doris Stapleton, Village Clerk. There were 41 NO votes and 30 YES votes out of a check list of 92 voters.

## AUDITORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with Section 3593Vs as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, and, to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the Town of Weathersfield on December 31, 1965 and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Judith B. Barton ) |          |
| Joan B. Barton )   | AUDITORS |
| Enid S. Barr )     |          |

## AUDITORS WRITTEN REPORT

At the close of 1965, with two new Auditors, and one with a years experience, we all felt extremely apprehensive. With the excellent co-operation and help of the Town Officers, we feel this report gives a true picture of the Town's business.

It is with pride that we point out a surplus, both in General and School Funds, after a substantial deficit last year.

To Mr. Dan Jarvis, former Road Commissioner, the Town Officials express deep appreciation for many years work well done.

Last year's recommendation, by the Auditors, that a quarterly audit be made has been followed and made the work, at the end of the year, more time saving and economical.

The recommendation, that the invested monies of the Cemetery Account be turned over to the Trustees of Public Funds, disbursements to be handled by the Cemetery Commissioners, has been followed.

AUDITORS' BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUNDS

| <u>Current Assets</u>                                                               | <u>Dec. 31, 1964</u> | <u>Dec. 31, 1965</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Treasurer's Cash on Hand                                                            | \$ 1,072.72          | \$ 591.51            |
| Checking Account                                                                    | 4,715.52             | 5,163.88             |
| Tax Collector                                                                       | -----                | -----                |
| Delinquent Taxes Receivable                                                         | 3,359.01             | 2,897.91             |
| Forest Fire Refund Due                                                              | 161.67               | -----                |
| Highway State Aid Due                                                               | 7,224.80             | -----                |
| Taxes Billed in Error in Dec.<br>Correctly Billed 1/6/65 and<br>Received in January | 147.00               | -----                |
| Total Current Assets                                                                | <u>\$16,680.72</u>   | <u>\$8,653.30</u>    |
| <br><u>Current Liabilities</u>                                                      |                      |                      |
| Notes Payable                                                                       | \$25,000.00          |                      |
| Flood Loss Reimbursement Due<br>School Department                                   |                      | <u>\$3,780.80</u>    |
| Total Liabilities                                                                   | <u>\$25,000.00</u>   | <u>\$3,780.80</u>    |
| Deficit                                                                             | \$ 8,319.28          |                      |
| Surplus                                                                             |                      | \$4,872.50           |

SCHOOL FUND

|                                                  |                    |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Current Assets</u>                            | -----              |                   |
| Cash on Hand                                     | -----              | -----             |
| Checking Account                                 | -----              | -----             |
| Flood Dam Reimbursement Due<br>From General Fund |                    | <u>\$3,780.80</u> |
| Total Current Assets                             | -----              | <u>\$3,780.80</u> |
| <br><u>Current Liabilities</u>                   |                    |                   |
| Deficit Balance                                  | <u>\$ 4,264.76</u> | <u>\$ 82.80</u>   |
| Total Liabilities                                | <u>\$ 4,264.76</u> | <u>\$ 82.80</u>   |
| Deficit                                          | \$ 4,264.76        |                   |
| Surplus                                          |                    | \$3,698.00        |

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 1965

GRAND LIST

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Total Real Estate Value | \$2,111,428.00 |
|-------------------------|----------------|

GRAND LIST

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Total Real Estate Value     | \$2,111,428.00 |
| Exempt                      | 17,925.00      |
| Total Taxable R. E.         | 2,093,503.00   |
| Personal Property           | 207,745.00     |
| Total Value                 | 2,301,248.00   |
| 1% of Total                 | 23,012.48      |
| 760 Taxable Polls at \$1.00 | 760.00         |
| GRAND LIST                  | \$ 23,772.48   |

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Property and Polls                 |               |
| School Fund (\$23,772.48 x 5.50)   | \$ 130,748.64 |
| General Fund (\$23,772.48 x 1.41)  | 33,519.20     |
| Highway Fund (\$23,772.48 x .35)   | 8,320.37      |
| Winter Roads (\$23,772.48 x .30)   | 7,131.74      |
| Equipment (\$23,772.48 x .11)      | 2,614.97      |
| Deficit Town (\$23,772.48 x .38)   | 9,033.54      |
| Deficit School (\$23,772.48 x .20) | 4,754.50      |
| TOTAL (\$23,772.48 x 8.25)         | \$ 196,122.96 |

|                |            |          |
|----------------|------------|----------|
| Old Age Assist | 760 x 5.00 | 3,800.00 |
|----------------|------------|----------|

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Reimbursements for Flood Dam Losses       |               |
| 1964 Massachusetts, Connecticut & Vermont | 6,874.18      |
| TOTAL                                     | \$ 206,797.14 |

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Adjustment Springfield Airport |               |
| Tax (\$7.00 tax rate)          | -15.75        |
| TOTAL TAXES BILLED             | \$ 206,781.39 |

Taxes Accounted for

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Collected by Treasurer to Nov. 1      |               |
| Real Estate and Personal Property     | \$ 182,929.91 |
| Poll Taxes                            | 8,692.00      |
| Delinquent R.E. and P.P. to Collector | 6,907.30      |
| Delinquent Polls to Collector         | 1,378.00      |
|                                       | \$ 199,907.21 |

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Reimbursements for Flood Dam Losses       |               |
| 1964 Massachusetts, Connecticut & Vermont | 6,874.18      |
|                                           | \$ 206,781.39 |

TREASURER'S STATEMENT - 1965

January 1, 1965 Cash on hand and in bank

\$ 5,788.24

Receipts:

## Taxes

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total current R.E. & P.P. paid to Treas. | \$182,929.91 |
| Total flood loss reimbursement           | 6,874.18     |
| Current polls paid                       | 8,705.25     |
| Delinquent taxes received from Collector | 8,685.21     |
| Interest on delinquent taxes             | 196.31       |
| Taxes abated                             | <u>61.69</u> |

\$207,452.55

Selectmen's Dept.

|                                            |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bank loans                                 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Dog licenses                               | 746.50       |
| Liquor licenses                            | 294.00       |
| Junk yard licenses                         | 75.00        |
| Rental for Martin Memorial Hall            | 495.76       |
| Forest fire refund (1964)                  | 308.67       |
| Stumpage income from State of Vt.          | 266.26       |
| First Congo. Church - Electricity          | 30.91        |
| Land Purchase                              | 150.00       |
| Misc. refunds                              | 151.07       |
| Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance           | 653.70       |
| Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance (Payroll) | 412.03       |

\$ 13,583.90

Highway Dept.

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| State of Vermont               | \$ 36,387.37 |
| Services, supplies and refunds | 282.88       |

Transfers:

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Taxes due General Highway | 8,320.02        |
| Taxes due Winter Highway  | <u>7,131.44</u> |

\$ 52,121.66

## Special Equipment Fund

|           |                             |             |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|           | <u>                    </u> |             |
| Taxes due |                             | \$ 2,614.86 |

Welfare Dept.

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Repayments on accounts | 6,449.69     |
| Total Receipts         | \$288,010.90 |

Disbursements:

|                                         |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Disbursements as per Selectmen's orders | \$ 70,750.43 |              |
| Check books and bank charges            | <u>16.34</u> | \$ 70,766.77 |

Transfers:

|                                      |              |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Taxes due Highway Dept.              | \$ 15,451.46 |              |
| Taxes due School Dept. (R.E. & P.P.) | 126,568.64   |              |
| Taxes due Special Equip. Fund        | 2,614.86     |              |
| Taxes abated                         | <u>61.69</u> | \$144,696.65 |

Highway Dept.

|                                            |               |              |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Disbursements as per Commissioners orders  | \$ 49,253.31  |              |
| Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance (Payroll) | <u>412.03</u> | \$ 49,665.34 |

Welfare Dept.

|                                        |  |              |
|----------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Disbursements as per Overseer's Orders |  | \$ 14,726.75 |
|----------------------------------------|--|--------------|

Special Equipment Fund

|                                  |               |             |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Yearly payment on long term loan | \$ 2,000.00   |             |
| Interest on above loan at 4%     | <u>400.00</u> | \$ 2,400.00 |

|                     |  |              |
|---------------------|--|--------------|
| Total Disbursements |  | \$282,255.51 |
|---------------------|--|--------------|

|                                  |  |                 |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Jan. 1, 1966 Cash on hand & bank |  | <u>5,755.39</u> |
|                                  |  | \$288,010.90    |

|                                      |             |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Long term Equipment Fund note        |             |  |
| at First National Bank - Springfield | \$ 8,000.00 |  |

# DELINQUENT TAX STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1966

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Delinquent Taxes, Jan. 1, 1965 | \$ 3,359.01     |
| 1965 Polls Delinquent          | 1,378.00        |
| 1965 R.E. & P.P. Delinquent    | <u>6,907.30</u> |
|                                | 11,644.31       |
| Delinquent Taxes Abated, 1965  | <u>61.69</u>    |
|                                | 11,582.62       |
| Collected in 1965              | <u>8,684.71</u> |
| Total Delinquent, Jan. 1, 1966 | \$ 2,897.91     |
|                                |                 |
| Principal of Taxes Collected   | \$ 8,684.71     |
| Interest on Taxes Collected    | <u>196.81</u>   |
| Total Paid to Treasurer, 1965  | \$ 8,881.52     |

## SUMMARY

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Real Estate</u> | <u>Personal Property</u> | <u>Polls</u> | <u>Total</u>    |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1963        | \$ 20.88           | \$                       | \$           | \$ 20.88        |
| 1964        | 68.02              | 14.00                    | 70.16        | 152.18          |
| 1965        | <u>2,353.18</u>    | <u>308.55</u>            | <u>63.12</u> | <u>2,724.85</u> |
|             | \$2,442.08         | \$322.55                 | \$133.28     | \$2,897.91      |

John L. Hurd

Tax Collector  
Weathersfield, Vermont

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1966

POLLS

|                          |      |          |
|--------------------------|------|----------|
| Bixby, Clyde             | 1965 | \$ 10.12 |
| Carter, William          | 1964 | 12.00    |
| Cripps, Helen            | 1965 | 13.25    |
| Cutting, Robert          | 1965 | 13.25    |
| Cutting, Robert          | 1964 | 10.16    |
| Havell, Jere             | 1964 | 12.00    |
| Lorraine Havell          | 1964 | 12.00    |
| Thompson, Stuart F., Jr. | 1964 | 12.00    |

PERSONAL PROPERTY

|                                     |      |          |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Ascutney Woodworking & Supply, Inc. | 1965 | \$ 96.52 |
| Ball, Charlotte, Estate             | 1965 | 39.60    |
| Jones, Harriett & Theodore          | 1965 | 28.87    |
| Peck, Richard                       | 1965 | 11.14    |
| Proctor, Earl                       | 1964 | 14.00    |
| Proctor, Earl                       | 1965 | 30.53    |
| Wirrells, Charles A.                | 1965 | 79.61    |

REAL ESTATE

|                                    |      |              |
|------------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Adams, Charles & Marjorie          | 1965 | \$ 20.63     |
| Allen, Claude & Magilla            | 1965 | 24.75        |
| Allen, Claude & Magilla            | 1964 | 21.00        |
| Carr, Donner & Jayne               | 1965 | (79.25 Fees) |
| Clark, Vernon                      | 1965 | 115.50       |
| Connor, George P.                  | 1965 | 111.38       |
| Curtis, Josiah P.                  | 1965 | 288.75       |
| Curtis, Josiah P.                  | 1964 | 45.27        |
| Gale, Robert Z.                    | 1965 | 14.44        |
| Gale, Robert & Lila                | 1965 | 2.89         |
| Gassett, Norman & Harriett         | 1965 | 132.00       |
| Glover, Olive E.                   | 1965 | 12.38        |
| Hallock, Richard & Alice           | 1965 | 165.00       |
| Home Hill Farm & Real Estate, Inc. | 1965 | 577.50       |
| Kidder, William & Nancy            | 1965 | 10.57        |
| LaCourse, Joseph & Barbara         | 1965 | 165.00       |
| LaFoe, Floyd & Monica              | 1965 | 103.12       |
| Tri-State Timberland               | 1965 | 9.08         |
| Wilson, Ernest J.                  | 1965 | 2.06         |
| Wilson, Ernest J.                  | 1964 | 1.75         |

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

|                                                       |           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| School Bond Issue                                     | 1956/1974 | <u>\$70,000.00</u> |
| Total Principle Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                 |           | 40,000.00          |
| Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                  |           | <u>12,037.50</u>   |
| Total Payments to Dec. 31, 1965                       |           | \$52,037.50        |
| School Bond Issue                                     | 1962/1982 | \$41,000.00        |
| Total Principle Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                 |           | 7,000.00           |
| Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                  |           | <u>3,680.00</u>    |
| Total Payments to Dec. 31, 1965                       |           | \$10,680.00        |
| School Bond Issue                                     | 1964/1984 | \$140,000.00       |
| Total Principle Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                 |           | 10,000.00          |
| Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                  |           | <u>4,760.00</u>    |
| Total Payments to Dec. 31, 1965                       |           | \$14,760.00        |
| Selectman Equipment Note                              | 1960/1970 | \$20,000.00        |
| Total Principle Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                 |           | 12,000.00          |
| Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1965                  |           | <u>3,600.00</u>    |
| Total Payments to Dec. 31, 1965                       |           | \$15,600.00        |
| Total Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness as of 1/1/66 |           | \$198,000.00       |
| 1966 Principle Payments                               |           | 18,000.00          |
| 1966 Interest Payments                                |           | <u>6,458.00</u>    |
| Total 1966 Payments                                   |           | \$24,458.00        |
| Equivalent to 10¢ plus on \$23,772.48 GRAND LIST      |           |                    |

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Major highway projects in 1965 were the completion of the Kirk Lot Road which was started last year, reconstruction of the Mountain Road to allow access to new properties and improvements on the Brown, Silloway, MacAllister and Baltimore Roads.

The MacKimmie Bridge in the Marsh District was completely rebuilt and large culverts were installed on the Brown and Baltimore Roads.

Repairs to the Hammond Bridge were postponed when available funds and manpower proved inadequate for a first class job. The tax rate proposed for 1966 includes 18¢ to provide, with state cooperation, a completely new bridge in this location.

In August Dan Jarvis felt it necessary to resign as Road Commissioner because of his health. His loss placed the responsibility for the immediate operation of highway work on the selectmen, who appointed one of their number, Irving McCoy, to act in their behalf until the annual meeting.

Other town officers have resigned because of the demands of other duties. They were Dorothy Campbell and Jane Bullard, auditors, and Claude Butterfield, cemetery commissioner.

It is expected that before town meeting we will have two parcels of town property designated as Weathersfield Municipal Forest areas. One area, known as the Dingman Lot, contains about 50 acres and has the town dump on a portion of it. Its inclusion in the municipal forest lands will not prevent its use as a dump. The second area is the town gravel pit on Sand Hill near Perkinsville. The five acres contained in this area has been stripped of most of the valuable material but work can be continued as desired under the new category.

The acquisition of municipal forest land entitles the town to receive from the state up to \$600 in interest-free loans during a two year period on a matching basis for improving such land.

Selectmen's meetings are held throughout the entire year, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. These meetings in the Town Office are employed in transacting regular and routine town business.

Other meetings scheduled for various purposes, have been concerned with such matters as the Board of Civil Authority's hearings on tax matters; check lists of voters, budget and tax rate meetings, appointments with lawyers and conferences with state officials.

Complaints of many kinds are referred to the selectmen, all of which must be investigated and considered.

Maintenance and repair of town buildings and town highways have also required attention from the selectmen.

Proposed Tax Rate

The following tax rate is recommended for 1966. All appropriations considered in the warning are covered by this proposal.

|                  | 1965   | 1966   |     |
|------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Selectmen's Fund | \$1.41 | \$1.52 | 1.7 |
| Summer Roads     | .35    | .37    | 1.3 |
| Winer Roads      | .30    | .40    | 1.3 |
| Equipment Fund   | .11    | .36    | 1.3 |
| Deficit          | .58    | --     | 1.3 |
|                  | \$2.75 | \$2.65 | 1.7 |

Respectfully submitted,

Irving A. McCoy )  
Philip H. Woodbury ) Board of Selectmen  
Delmer M. Kelly )

SELECTMEN'S FUND  
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1966

|                               | 1964<br>ACTUAL<br>EXPEND. | 1965<br>OPERATING<br>BUDGET | 1965<br>ACTUAL<br>EXPEND. | 1966<br>PROPOSED<br>BUDGET |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>         |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Town Officers' Salaries       | \$ 5,661.00               | \$ 5,500.00                 | \$ 4,759.21               | \$ 5,500.00                |
| Town Officers' Expenses       | 1,239.28                  | 1,250.00                    | 1,104.88                  | 1,250.00                   |
| Office Supplies               | 630.23                    | 650.00                      | 618.86                    | 650.00                     |
| T.O. Utilities & Equip.       | 435.95                    | 500.00                      | 384.31                    | 500.00                     |
| Town Meetings                 | 389.34                    | 375.00                      | 484.28                    | 375.00                     |
| <u>GENERAL SERVICES</u>       |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| <u>INSURANCE</u>              |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Fire Insurance                | 622.61                    | 625.00                      | 611.00                    | 611.00                     |
| Workman's Compensation        | 532.71                    | 550.00                      | 438.60                    | 500.00                     |
| Health & Accident Ins.        | 226.80                    | 250.00                      | 305.70                    | 225.00                     |
| PUBLIC HEALTH                 |                           |                             | 43.53                     | 50.00                      |
| PUBLIC WELFARE                |                           |                             |                           | 6,000.00                   |
| Officers' Salary              | 445.04                    | 450.00                      | 517.99                    |                            |
| Administrative Expense        | 152.32                    | 250.00                      | 399.50                    |                            |
| Food                          | 1,113.58                  | 1,250.00                    | 630.42                    |                            |
| Shelter                       | 1,066.21                  | 1,000.00                    | 1,497.79                  |                            |
| Care                          | 2,959.57                  | 3,250.00                    | 5,527.45                  |                            |
| TOWN CEMETERIES               | 249.42                    | 250.00                      | 178.32                    | 250.00                     |
| FIRE PROTECTION               | 1,132.12                  | 800.00                      | 439.98                    | 800.00                     |
| TAXES & ASSESSMENTS           | 9,032.09                  | 1,000.00                    | 9,443.74                  | 10,000.00                  |
| <u>MARTIN BUILDINGS</u>       |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Martin Hall                   |                           |                             |                           | 500.00                     |
| " " Fuel                      | 260.85                    | 300.00                      | 283.84                    |                            |
| " " Gas & Elec.               | 138.79                    | 150.00                      | 159.96                    |                            |
| " " Janitor                   | 107.59                    | 150.00                      | 268.81                    |                            |
| " " Other                     | 67.95                     | 75.00                       | 171.22                    |                            |
| Other Buildings               | 97.62                     | 500.00                      | 60.81                     | 500.00                     |
| <u>DEBT RETIREMENT</u>        |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Interest on Loans             | 965.55                    | 1,000.00                    | 805.13                    | 1,000.00                   |
| <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>         |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Proctor Library               | 800.00                    | 950.00                      | 950.00                    | 800.00                     |
| <u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>     |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Town Dump                     | 975.74                    | 1,000.00                    | 994.04                    | 1,000.00                   |
| Civil Defense                 | 40.11                     | 50.00                       |                           | 50.00                      |
| Legal Services                | 87.50                     | 100.00                      | 32.00                     | 100.00                     |
| Officers' Bonds               | 115.00                    | 115.00                      | 115.00                    | 115.00                     |
| Zoning                        | 337.65                    |                             | 278.05                    |                            |
| Stoughton Pond                | 80.00                     |                             |                           |                            |
| Junk Yards                    | 540.57                    |                             |                           |                            |
| Town Parks                    | 78.00                     | 100.00                      | 70.75                     | 100.00                     |
| <u>EQUIPMENT &amp; REPAIR</u> |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Repairs                       | 2,746.07                  | 2,000.00                    | 2,625.79                  | 2,500.00                   |
| Equipment                     | 200.90                    | 300.00                      |                           |                            |
| <u>BRIDGES</u>                |                           |                             |                           |                            |
| Hammond Bridge                | 77.20                     | 24.85                       | 611.09                    | 800.00                     |
|                               |                           |                             |                           | 4,000.00                   |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                  | <u>\$33,605.36</u>        | <u>\$36,225.00</u>          | <u>\$34,812.05</u>        | <u>\$38,176.00</u>         |

# HIGHWAY STATEMENT - 1965

## RECEIPTS

|                          |               |             |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Share of Taxes, Summer   | \$ 8,054.37   |             |
| Share of Taxes, Winter   | 6,903.74      |             |
| State Funds              | 36,387.37     |             |
| Misc. Services & Refunds | <u>321.71</u> |             |
| Total Receipts           |               | \$51,667.19 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                             |                   |                    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Town Highways - Winter      |                   |                    |
| Labor                       | \$6,573.51        |                    |
| Repairs                     | 2,120.98          |                    |
| Gas, Oil, Grease            | 1,785.41          |                    |
| Utilities                   | 101.19            |                    |
| Salt & Sand                 | 1,278.68          |                    |
| Taxes, Insurance            | 2,244.67          |                    |
| Miscellaneous               | <u>302.40</u>     |                    |
|                             |                   | \$14,406.84        |
| State-Aid Highways - Winter |                   |                    |
| Labor                       | \$ 279.20         |                    |
| Salt                        | <u>228.76</u>     |                    |
|                             |                   | \$ 507.96          |
| Town Highways - Summer      |                   |                    |
| Labor                       | \$3,796.59        |                    |
| Repairs                     | 2,006.51          |                    |
| Gas, Oil, Grease            | 1,473.97          |                    |
| Utilities                   | 135.77            |                    |
| Taxes, Insurance            | 2,314.75          |                    |
| Crushed Gravel              | 1,900.00          |                    |
| Chloride                    | 2,095.00          |                    |
| Tools, Supplies             | 170.97            |                    |
| Miscellaneous               | <u>40.00</u>      |                    |
|                             |                   | \$13,933.56        |
| Unselected Roads            |                   |                    |
| Kirklot Rd. TH #74          | \$6,415.94        |                    |
| Mountain Rd. TH #28         | 4,010.47          |                    |
| Silloway Rd. TH #46         | 1,324.64          |                    |
| MacAllister Rd. TH #66      | 909.74            |                    |
| Brown Rd. TH #11            | 3,343.31          |                    |
| Baltimore Rd. TH #60        | <u>1,077.34</u>   |                    |
|                             |                   | \$17,081.44        |
| State-Aid Retreatment       |                   |                    |
| State-Aid Rd. #1 & #3       | <u>\$3,323.51</u> |                    |
|                             |                   | <u>\$ 3,323.51</u> |
| Total Disbursements         |                   | \$49,253.31        |

TREASURER'S STATEMENT  
SCHOOL ACCOUNT  
1965

|                 |         |             |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| January 1, 1965 | Deficit | \$ 4,264.76 |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|

Receipts for 1965:

|                   |              |              |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Loans             | \$ 95,000.00 |              |
| Bus Fares         | 963.31       |              |
| Poll Taxes        | 4,174.50     |              |
| Real Estate Taxes | 126,568.64   |              |
| State Aid         | 38,800.00    |              |
| Refunds           | 5,447.76     |              |
| Misc.             | <u>17.00</u> |              |
|                   |              | \$270,971.21 |

Disbursements:

|                    |                  |  |
|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Deficit            | \$ 4,264.76      |  |
| Administration     |                  |  |
| Salaries           | 3,190.37         |  |
| Others             | 1,007.28         |  |
| Instructional      |                  |  |
| Salaries           | 56,264.65        |  |
| Books              | 1,509.21         |  |
| Supplies           | 1,961.94         |  |
| Others             | 937.43           |  |
| Health             | 943.66           |  |
| Transportation     | 12,608.04        |  |
| Operation of Plant |                  |  |
| Salaries           | 4,002.11         |  |
| Services           | 25.00            |  |
| Heat               | 3,234.62         |  |
| Electricity        | 2,181.77         |  |
| Telephone          | 279.20           |  |
| Supplies           | 814.55           |  |
| Maintenance        | 1,526.58         |  |
| Fixed Charges      | 5,095.39         |  |
| Capital Outlay     | 72.88            |  |
| Bonds & Interest   | 22,632.00        |  |
| Tuition            | 53,502.57        |  |
| Loans              | <u>95,000.00</u> |  |

|                 |         |              |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| January 1, 1966 | Deficit | \$271,054.01 |
|                 |         | \$ 82.80     |

Flood Loss Reimbursement due from  
General Fund

|                            |         |                 |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|
|                            | Surplus | <u>3,780.80</u> |
| Town of Weathersfield, Vt. |         | \$3,698.00      |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT OF WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL DIRECTORS

| <u>RECEIPTS</u>             | <u>1965 ACTUAL</u>  | <u>1966 ESTIMATE</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Balance or (Deficit)        | \$ (4,264.76)       | \$ 3,698.00          |
| Deficit Tax                 | 4,264.76            |                      |
| State Aid                   | 38,800.00           | 39,000.00            |
| Taxes                       | 130,743.14          | 152,929.00           |
| Reim. of Flood Dam Losses   | 3,780.80            | 4,000.00             |
| Bus Fares                   | 963.31              | 1,000.00             |
| Refunds                     | 501.00              | 94.00                |
| Miscellaneous               | 17.00               | 20.00                |
| Total Available             | <u>\$174,805.25</u> | <u>\$200,741.00</u>  |
| <u>EXPENSES</u>             |                     |                      |
| <u>Administration</u>       |                     |                      |
| School Board                | 531.99              | 500.00               |
| Supt. Office                | 2,905.39            | 4,050.00             |
| Town Treasurer's Office     | 581.93              | 510.00               |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 4,019.31</u>  | <u>\$ 5,060.00</u>   |
| <u>Instruction</u>          |                     |                      |
| Salaries                    | 55,975.51           | 63,000.00            |
| Books                       | 1,709.97            | 1,700.00             |
| Supplies                    | 1,925.01            | 2,800.00             |
| Other                       | 963.13              | 760.00               |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 60,573.62</u> | <u>\$ 68,260.00</u>  |
| <u>Health Service</u>       | <u>\$ 943.66</u>    | <u>\$ 755.00</u>     |
| <u>Transportation</u>       | <u>\$ 12,608.06</u> | <u>\$ 18,970.00</u>  |
| <u>Operation of Plant</u>   |                     |                      |
| Salaries                    | 3,993.67            | 4,820.00             |
| Contracted Services         | 25.00               | 220.00               |
| Heat                        | 3,234.62            | 4,030.00             |
| Electricity                 | 2,196.72            | 2,300.00             |
| Telephone                   | 245.05              | 210.00               |
| Supplies                    | 833.75              | 900.00               |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 10,528.81</u> | <u>\$ 12,480.00</u>  |
| <u>Maintenance of Plant</u> | <u>\$ 1,535.70</u>  | <u>\$ 850.00</u>     |
| <u>Fixed Charges</u>        |                     |                      |
| Social Security             | 1,357.96            | 1,900.00             |
| Insurance                   | 2,087.47            | 1,820.00             |
| Interest-Current Loans      | 1,745.21            | 1,800.00             |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 5,190.64</u>  | <u>\$ 5,520.00</u>   |
| <u>Capital Outlay</u>       |                     |                      |
| Equipment                   | 72.88               | 2,108.00             |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 72.88</u>     | <u>\$ 2,108.00</u>   |
| <u>Tuition</u>              | <u>\$ 53,002.57</u> | <u>\$ 64,600.00</u>  |
| <u>Debt Service</u>         |                     |                      |
| 1955 Loan                   | 4,720.00            | 4,630.00             |
| 1963 Loan                   | 3,152.00            | 3,088.00             |
| 1964 Loan                   | 14,760.00           | 14,420.00            |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 22,632.00</u> | <u>\$ 22,138.00</u>  |

|                          |                   |              |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1965 Receipts            | \$174,805.25      |              |
| 1965 Expenses            | <u>171,107.25</u> | \$200,741.00 |
| 12/31/65 Closing Balance | \$ 3,698.00       |              |

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL DIRECTORS

| Enrollments               |             |          | 1964-1965 |           | 1965-1966 |              |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Elementary Pupils In Town |             |          | 264       |           | 281       |              |
| Secondary School Pupils   |             |          | Grades    |           |           |              |
| <u>School</u>             | <u>Year</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Windsor                   | 1964-5      | 8        | 8         | 12        | 6         | 34           |
|                           | 1965-6      | 18       | 7         | 9         | 11        | 45           |
| Springfield               | 1964-5      | 18       | 19        | 14        | 13        | 64           |
|                           | 1965-6      | 14       | 18        | 18        | 12        | 62           |
| Other                     | 1964-5      | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1            |
|                           | 1965-6      | 0        | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2            |

| Elementary Enrollment Distribution |             |          |          | Grades   |          |          |          |          | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| <u>School</u>                      | <u>Year</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> |       |
| Amsden                             | 1964-5      |          |          |          | 15       | 10       |          |          | 25    |
|                                    | 1965-6      |          |          |          | Closed   |          |          |          |       |
| Ascutfney                          | 1964-5      | 14       | 19       | 17       | 19       | 0        | 22       | 13       | 122   |
|                                    | 1965-6      | 14       | 15       | 17       | 15       | 17       | 16       | 20       | 128   |
| Marsh                              | 1964-5      |          |          |          |          | 26       |          |          | 26    |
|                                    | 1965-6      |          |          |          | Closed   |          |          |          |       |
| Perkinsville                       | 1964-5      | 12       | 20       | 14       | 0        | 0        | 17       | 18       | 91    |
|                                    | 1965-6      | 27       | 11       | 22       | 15       | 18       | 24       | 19       | 153   |

The teachers now in our schools are:

|                    |                            | No. of Pupils |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Ascutfney - Grades | 1 - 2 Mrs. Vera Johnson    | 23            |
|                    | 2 - 3 Mrs. Iris Way        | 24            |
|                    | 4 - 5 Mrs. Evelyn McCoy    | 32            |
|                    | 6 - 7 Mrs. Grace Stillson  |               |
|                    | & 8 Mr. R. Donald LaPointe | 49            |
|                    | Total                      | 128           |

Remedial Reading - Mrs. Marjorie Foster

|                      |                                         |     |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Perkinsville - Grade | 1 Mrs. Beryl Connor                     | 27  |
|                      | Grades 2 - 3 Mrs. Charlotte Gomo        | 20  |
|                      | Grades 3 - 4 Mrs. M. Virginia Bellows   | 22  |
|                      | Grades 4 - 5 Mrs. H. Barbara Richardson | 24  |
|                      | Grades 6 - 7 Mr. Francis Dietz          |     |
|                      | & 8 Mr. Walter Watson, Jr.              | 60  |
| Total                |                                         | 153 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES FOR GRADE SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1964-65

|                           | <u>Perkinsville</u> | <u>Amsden</u> | <u>Ascutfney</u> | <u>Marsh</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average Daily Membership  | \$ 90.98            | 24.09         | 120.95           | 27.25        | 263.27       |
| Elementary Operating Cost | \$41,949.82         | \$8,977.24    | \$39,624.12      | \$6,823.91   | \$97,375.09  |
| Average Cost per Pupil    | \$ 461.08           | 372.65        | 327.61           | 250.40       | 369.86       |

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

### Enrollment and Planning

A year ago we reported a drop in elementary enrollment from 282 to 264; this year we are back up to 281 as this is written, with a promise of four more in a few days. A glance at the number of pupils in each room reveals a few crowded rooms, especially in Ascutney. Depending on how many children of what ages move into or out of town this summer, we may have to open Marsh School again as a one or two-grade classroom of the Ascutney School. It is unlikely that enough children of the right ages live close enough to the middle of town to permit relieving the crowding in Ascutney by using the empty room in the 1879 Perkinsville building. We are watching the situation closely and will probably be proposing an addition to the Ascutney School in a few years.

With the help of volunteers Bernie Harriman, Gus Hinkley, Dave Keniston, Beth Kidder, Larry Moore, Dick Stover and Esther Young we have been meeting with Springfield, Reading, Chester and Andover to see whether any good might come of combining any part of our school operations. As you know, there may someday be State laws forcing various combinations. We want to be prepared with a proposal we like, or with good reasons against any undesirable proposal if the State should present one. The Vermont Department of Education is preparing a set of minimum standards for elementary schools. You may recall that similar standards for high schools a year or so ago forced a few small high schools to make a difficult decision between undertaking some very expensive programs on an inefficiently small scale or closing. Although it is impossible to predict at present, we think that our schools will look reasonably good except for possibly not enough variety in our 7th and 8th grade programs to be of maximum benefit to those children who are not going on to college. This is another reason for studying with other towns to see how we might solve such shortcomings cooperatively.

The Amsden School is closed permanently. You will find an Article in the warning of this Town Report for the purpose of returning the building and land to the heirs of Charles Amsden, in accordance with the provisions of his deeds to the Town School District. There is also an Article to return the water rights to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Guyette, who generously gave them to the Town of Weathersfield in 1951. We had hoped to be able to sell such items as the plumbing system and the heating system and other improvements as were made by the local citizens and the taxpayers, but despite our best efforts, we can only salvage the blackboards and the light fixtures, all other improvements having become part of the building according to law.

### Personnel

Our new Superintendent, Earl Barnes, is guiding our teachers smoothly through some of the excellent new methods of teaching certain subjects, while Business Manager Fred Kenney looks after our finances and supplies and keeps us up to date on our budget.

Our teachers are making their contributions to our program, not only in school, but also by attending classes and workshops in their spare time to help them do a better job at meeting every child's individual needs. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Temple (last Year's Miss Moulton), but wish her much happiness with her own youngsters to be. We are pleased to have found Mrs. Beryl Connor, who has had Mrs. Temple's former group since Christmas.

Barbara Woodbury and her volunteers are donating much time and know-how toward the Perkinsville School Library. They are soliciting books, organizing the books and card filing system, and staffing the library.

Our custodians, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Houghton in Ascutney, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baker in Perkinsville, are doing a top notch job which will definitely make our buildings and equipment last longer and make studying and teaching more pleasant.

We thank all these people plus the Parent Teacher Groups, the bus drivers and the plumbers for their efforts in helping us provide our children with good and pleasant schooling at reasonable cost.

### Curriculum

In cooperation with several other towns in the area, our teachers have studied the many new mathematics programs available for the primary grades and have selected the "Math Workshop for Children" material published by Encyclopedia Britannica. During the past summer and several times after school, these teachers have attended meetings to learn how to make the best use of this material. This year it is being used in grades 1 and 2. Next year grades 3 and 4 will be added.

Weathersfield, Hartland and Windsor have had a joint project approved under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Public Law 89-10 (100% of the cost of approved programs is paid for by Federal funds). Our teachers in grades 3 through 6 will meet and work together once a month to learn improved techniques for helping children who have trouble reading out loud, seeing the difference between similar-looking words, hearing the difference between similar-sounding words, or spelling. Next summer they will meet for two weeks to study under a nationally known specialist in this field, Mrs. Romalda Spalding.

Under this same law, Weathersfield has received approval for the extension of our remedial reading program to Perkinsville. You may recall that our tight budget last year did not permit us to extend the program as we had hoped to do once space was made available by the completion of the new building. This new Federal Aid not only provides for the salaries involved, but also for a little repair work and furniture for the spare room in the 1879 building, which we plan to use for the remedial reading program.

Last year, as a result of the tax cut, we discontinued the vocal music program (in all schools), the physical education program (in Perkinsville and Amsden), and the instrumental music program (in Ascutney). We have included the first two in this year's budget because we feel that they belong in a good elementary school curriculum. Although we feel that an instrumental music program is important, and especially important for children who must compete with children from larger towns for membership in high school band or orchestra, we did not include it in our budget because our expenses at the present time are too high to permit us to make an additional expenditure which helps only the few children who are interested in mastering a musical instrument.

### Addition to Perkinsville School

Bids for the addition and alterations to the Perkinsville School were opened on March 3, 1965, with R. E. Bean Construction Company submitting the low bid of

\$164,282.00, some \$20,000.00 below the architect's estimate of cost. With the exception of delays in equipment delivery, construction progressed well during the summer, and classrooms were ready for occupancy in September. On August 31, your School Directors and Building Committee conducted a final inspection of the new facilities and accepted same, subject to correction of minor deficiencies. It is the opinion of your School Directors that the citizens of the Town can be very proud of these new educational facilities, which were obtained at very reasonable cost.

Due to delays in delivery and installation of certain minor items of equipment, it has not been possible to close out the Building Fund Account at this time, however, the following figures show the financial picture as of January 27, 1966.

I. RECEIPTS (as of 1/27/66)

|                                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sale of Bonds                   | \$140,000.00 |              |
| Bond Premiums                   | 1,232.00     |              |
| Interest on Invested Receipts   | 1,599.76     |              |
| First State Aid Payment         | 30,957.00    |              |
| Deposit on Unreturned Bid Plans | 80.00        | \$173,868.76 |

II. EXPENDITURES (as of 1/27/66)

|                                  |            |              |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Payments to Architect and Engrs. | 10,826.23  |              |
| Payments to Contractors          | 172,049.10 |              |
| New School Equipment             | 6,024.82   |              |
| Custodial Expenses               | 150.25     |              |
| School Election Expenses         | 259.49     |              |
| School Board Expenses            | 5.03       |              |
| Town Treasurer Expenses          | 212.50     | \$189,527.42 |

III. ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Final State Aid Payment | 25,100.00 |
|-------------------------|-----------|

IV. ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

|                              |          |             |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Library Tables               | 177.69   |             |
| Misc. Hardware and Equipment | 470.00   |             |
| Classroom Furniture          | 1,000.00 | \$ 1,647.69 |

SUMMARY

|                                  |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Estimated Total Receipts         | \$198,968.76 |              |
| Estimated Total Expenditures     | 191,175.11   |              |
| Estimated Balance                |              | \$ 7,793.65  |
| Amount Authorized by Voters      | \$147,000.00 |              |
| Amount Actually Borrowed         | 140,000.00   |              |
|                                  |              | 7,000.00     |
| Total Estimated Savings to Town  |              | \$ 14,793.65 |
| Original Estimate of State Aid   | \$ 61,914.00 |              |
| Present Estimate of State Aid    | 56,048.00    |              |
| Total Estimated Savings to State |              | \$ 5,866.00  |

## Finance - 1965 Actual

At last year's Town Meeting, our tax rate was cut by 30 cents with the understanding that we should plan on an increase in State Aid to make up for half this cut, and that we should try to reduce our budget by the other half of the cut. The cut amounted to \$6,750 on the estimated grand list of \$22,500. We cut about \$3,000 from our budget by eliminating vocal and instrumental music and physical education, by skimping on replacement of books and on supplies and by buying a vacuum cleaner and a floor polisher for Perkinsville with Building Fund money instead of regular income. State Aid did increase by about \$4,500, even better than hoped for. Furthermore, the grand list increased by about \$1,200, for an increase in school income of about \$6,700. Also, the very unpredictable Flood Dam Losses Reimbursement was nearly \$800 above our estimate, which brings our total actual income about \$12,000.00 above our estimate.

Our total expenses of about \$171,000 were about \$4,000 more than our revised budget of about \$167,000. Teachers' salaries went over by about \$1,700 because we were too optimistic about the availability of good, yet inexperienced teachers, and because we underestimated the summer studies the teachers would undertake (for which we pay half), and because a few salaries had to be adjusted as a result of competition of certain courses of study by some teachers. We just had to exceed our tight books and supplies budget by \$185 because of absolute needs of the educational program. Custodial salary expenses went up about \$1,000, mostly because we had to spend more time in order to obtain the standard of cleanliness we know you want in your children's surroundings. Similarly custodial supplies went over by about \$200. Heat is over by about \$400, but this we hope is largely due to over-heating in the new Perkinsville building in the beginning when the heating controls were not yet installed and over-heating at night to help the floor tiles settle. Electricity went over by about \$200, probably due to underestimating the needs of the new building. Social Security went over by \$100 due to changes in the law. Insurance went over by about \$800 partly due to the new building, partly due to more adequate coverage. Interest on current loans went over by about \$300 due to the larger overall budget.

Transportation went over by about \$1,600, of which about \$400 is for the use of private cars to transport from the Center to the Bow, about \$200 due to increased gas consumption of the Town owned bus due to old age and a more hilly route, nearly \$300 more repairs than anticipated (mostly engine and brakes), and the remaining \$700 due to increased mileage on the contracted busses (in the Upper Falls area and the Wellwood Orchard Road).

On the other hand, we postponed certain maintenance items for a saving of \$1,000. Debt service is about \$300 below what we expected because the Bond Issue for the new building was for \$7,000 less than originally thought necessary. (Last year's Town Report had printing errors which showed the total of the three loans as \$22,042 instead of \$22,947 and tuition as \$52,960 instead of \$52,980.) Being without a superintendent for a while saved about \$250. Postponing the purchase of overhead projectors and other equipment saved about \$500 on Capital Outlay.

The net result of going over by about \$6,500 and going under by about \$2,000 is an increase over anticipated total expenses of about \$4,500. Our actual income, as already explained, was about \$12,000 above what we had originally planned. Take away about \$3,800 additional State Aid planned on after the budget cuts made as a result of Town Meeting, leaves about \$8,200 unexpected income. Take away the \$4,500 unexpected expenses, leaves \$3,700 unexpected surplus income. Our actual balance, figured to the penny instead of rounding off as done above is \$3,698.00.

## Finance - 1966 Estimate

We estimate that our total expenses for the year 1966 will be \$29,700 higher than they were in 1965. Administrative expenses rise about \$1,000, of which \$250 is simply what we didn't pay last year when we were without a superintendent for a while. The School Director's "salary" has increased from \$100 to \$150 per year for a total increase of \$150 for three directors. This is made necessary by the actual costs the directors incur for car use, baby sitters (so we can attend meetings), and the stamps and phone calls for which we sometimes don't bill the school account.

Instructional salaries are up about \$7,000. Of this, \$2,000 is for music and physical education from March through December, \$1,700 is for an extra teacher from September through December in case we have to reopen Marsh School. The remaining \$3,300 represents sizable raises (for January through September) already reported in last year's Town Report, plus additional raises (for September to December) made necessary by drastic increases in the minimums required by Vermont law starting this fall. We must keep our salaries a bit above the bare minimums in order to keep the good teachers we have, and in order to attract good teachers when we add a classroom or lose a teacher. Instructional supplies are up \$900 because we just can't get along with less.

Transportation goes up by nearly \$6,400 because of \$400 increased operating costs mostly due to the Center-to-Bow route, and because we badly need a \$6,000 replacement for our 9-year old bus. For safety's sake we had a few absolutely necessary repairs done last summer, but more are needed. It is unwise to put any more money into this bus, and it is unsafe to run it much longer without some major preventive repairs just to be sure. Few people in Town entrust their own safety day-in-day out to a 1957 or older motor vehicle.

Custodial salaries increased by about \$800 as a result of the increased effort already explained as having been found necessary during the latter part of last year. A \$200 increase in Contracted Services covers chemical treatment of the water for our boilers, to avoid expensive repairs later. Heat is up \$800, and electricity \$100, to cover the new building in Perkinsville and possible reopening of the Marsh School.

The \$500 raise in Social Security is due to the larger contributions required by law, and to cover one more teacher. Capital Outlay is up by \$2,000 to cover an overhead projector (50% Federal Aid), some physical education equipment and a small second-hand bus. This bus is needed because next fall the number of children along the Center-to-Bow route will be too great to fit in a private car.

Tuition increases by the fantastic sum of \$11,400 simply because tuition rates have risen and because we have six more children. We expect 72 at Springfield's rate of \$625 (against 64 at \$560 now) and 43 at Windsor's rate of \$580 (against 45 at \$509 now) starting this fall. The \$11,400 represents half of these increases plus half of last year's increase because only one-half of the 1966-67 school year falls in the 1966 budget year. The rates increase so much because new laws permit the towns to charge for Debt Service and to base the rate on estimated current expenses instead of the previous year's actual expenses. The new laws also require us School Directors to set the tuition rate which our Town will pay; there can no longer be an article to vote on. We have set the rate equal to Springfield's, just as you have for many years.

This makes the total of all increases about \$31,100. Fortunately some reductions bring this down a bit. Ending the Dental Hygiene program this spring

saves \$200 on Health Service. Maintenance costs are down by about \$700 due to postponing some things and doing without others. Insurance is down by about \$250 due to our having found a way to combine various coverages into one "package". Debt Service is down by about \$500 due to gradual reduction of the principals. The total reductions amount to about \$1,650, leaving a net increase of about \$29,700.

Because of the \$3,698 balance left over from 1965, and only \$200 increase in State Aid according to the best information available at this time, our taxes are burdened with about \$22,100 of our increased costs.

We realize that this is a very large increase, especially since the grand list has grown only from about \$23,700 to about \$24,000. We have spent many hours holding this budget to a realistic minimum. We have cut \$2,500 by going to a second-hand bus for the Center-to-Bow route, since we may soon outgrow a small bus there anyway. We have cut about \$500 for a second vacuum cleaner and floor polisher, although it is hard on the equipment to transport it between the schools and the schools won't get quite the efficient care they could get if the machines were available at all times. We postponed a roof repair job in Ascutney in hopes that this can wait until an addition there would net us some savings and State Aid on this work. (In Perkinsville the same problem, due to moisture condensation caused by poor design, was repaired for about \$1,000 as part of the new building.) We have estimated all the other items just as closely as seems wise. If it should happen that because of extra State Aid we have surplus income, like the \$3,698 left over at the end of 1965, we certainly won't needlessly spend it.

On the basis of an assumed grand list of \$24,000 excluding flood dam losses, we expect to meet all operating and debt service expenses with a tax rate of \$6.37.

By Town Meeting time we hope to know what our actual Building Fund State Aid and balance are, and whether or not the balance can legally be used for the purchase of buses. This may permit us to reduce our proposed tax rate to \$6.06.

Roald Cann                    )  
Helen W. May                ) School Directors  
Addison D. Minott         )  
  
Earl D. Barnes                Superintendent



### PERKINSVILLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Reading about school libraries is not exciting, neither is writing about them, but organizing and operating one has turned out to be far from dull for the workers who have been doing the work in the Perkinsville school.

Only a few schools in Vermont have libraries for elementary grades, but since the state now requires them to be included in new construction as a condition of receiving state aid, many more are expected to be established.

We are proud of our attractive library room, which was remodelled from the former room for the primary grades. It has a new lowered ceiling, new lighting, a beautifully refinished floor, ample shelving, and pretty colored walls. There are many new chairs, in three colors, but we are still waiting for the tables that are to go with them. In the meantime, several tables and desks from other parts of the building have been used.

After the remodelling of the room was completed, in October 1965, the small crew of workers began to prepare the library for use. Books were brought together from the various classrooms, sometimes not always willingly given up by the teachers, sometimes ruthlessly scooped up by the greedy staff when nobody was looking! Such was our hunger for books that at least one of a teacher's private collection was gathered in and processed. (She got it back.) It is still not safe to leave a book lying around as if it had no home, the library is likely to swallow it up.

At this time we have used up almost 500 book pockets. This means we put them in the backs of that many books. Some of the books are paper backs, and some are older books which perhaps might not have been used by a more affluent library. We do have the beginning of a good collection, and our children are reading them with enthusiasm. We have, in addition to our own books, a large number of volumes loaned to us by the Brattleboro Regional Library of the Free Public Library Commission. These books are most valuable. They are changed every three months, and in no other way could we furnish our school with so much and such varied material. Even if we had a much more complete library of our own, the assistance of this agency would still be appreciated.

The library, staffed by volunteer workers, is open during all school hours, every school day. Daily circulation has run from a low of 35 to a high of 115, with most days seeing about 60 books given out. We limit first and second graders to one book at a time, older children to two, but we are not too persnickety about this. We have a two week lending period, and we charge fines of two cents a day for overdue books. (46¢ received to date!)

In the very beginning we were lucky to find a helper who could type, and as a result, our catalog drawers are filling up in proper library fashion.

We have received many gifts of very fine books, gifts of money with which new books were bought, decorations for our shelves and walls, and many hours of work have also been generously contributed.

Our Staff:

Mrs. Philip Woodbury  
Mrs. Addison Minott  
Mrs. Bernard Harriman  
Mrs. Robert Harrington  
Mrs. J. Hoyt Phinney  
Mrs. Einar Torp  
Mrs. Edwin Barr, Jr.

Gifts from:

Miss Annie Green  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Harriman  
Mrs. Herman Young  
Mr. & Mrs. John Laramie  
Mrs. Adin Clark  
The Misses Betsey & Linda Child  
Mrs. Einar Torp  
The J. Philip Stapleton Family  
Mrs. Edwin Barr, Jr.  
Mrs. Charles W. May  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald McLaughlin  
The Richard Stover Family  
Mrs. Harry Streeter  
Miss Gail Woodbury  
The Addison Minott Family  
The Philip Woodbury Family  
Brattleboro Free Library  
The Ervin Lamphere Family  
The Allen Hazeltine Family  
Mr. James Parry  
Mrs. Clarence Bellows  
Mrs. Francis Dietz

Loans from:

Mrs. Davis B. Keniston  
Mr. Robert Marcotte  
Mrs. Einar Torp

# PROCTOR LIBRARY STATEMENT

(Balance Jan. 1, 1965)

|                  |              |            |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| U. S. Bonds      | \$3,000.00   |            |
| Checking Account | 317.93       |            |
| Cash on Hand     | <u>12.35</u> | \$3,330.28 |

(Receipts)

|                  |              |          |
|------------------|--------------|----------|
| Appropriation    | 950.00       |          |
| Bond Coupons     | 150.00       |          |
| Gift John Wright | 10.00        |          |
| Fines            | <u>28.08</u> | 1,138.08 |

(Expenditures)

|                                       |             |          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Salaries                              | 275.00      |          |
| Utilities                             | 461.66      |          |
| Insurance                             | 52.65       |          |
| Maintenance                           | 106.75      |          |
| Books and Magazines                   | 41.55       |          |
| Library Supplies                      | 42.07       |          |
| Care of Proctor Cemetary Lot          | 1.50        |          |
| Library Supplies Purchased From Fines | 27.48       |          |
| Checking Account                      | <u>1.93</u> | 1,010.59 |

(Balance Jan. 1, 1966)

|                  |             |          |
|------------------|-------------|----------|
| U. S. Bonds      | 3,000.00    |          |
| Checking Account | 451.02      |          |
| Cash on Hand     | <u>6.75</u> | 3,457.77 |

(Circulation)

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Ascutney     | 7,003.00 |
| Perkinsville | 506.00   |

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES DONATED

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Roland Wells Robbins        | Mrs. Lillian Orr           |
| Evan Jones                  | Mrs. Muriel Follett        |
| Lorraine Zigman             | Mrs. Madalyn Butterfield   |
| Susan Thompson              | Mrs. Marion Davis          |
| Vt. Childrens Aid Society   | Mrs. Mary Wellington       |
| State Library               | Mrs. Ellen Hawkins         |
| League of Women Voters      | Mrs. Claude Allen          |
| Winston Prouty              | Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Garfield |
| Director of Finance Vermont | Mrs. Glenford Mcallister   |
| Mrs. Muriel Raymond         | Mrs. Donald Scribner       |
| Mrs. Eva Spaulding          | Mr. James Jenness          |

# REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR WEATHERSFIELD

## CAMPBELL FUND

|              |                    |            |               |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| Jan. 1, 1965 | Balance            | \$7,325.34 |               |
|              | Receipts:          |            |               |
|              | Dividends          | 217.71     |               |
|              | Capital Gains      | 162.04     |               |
|              | Interest           | 42.50      | \$7,747.59    |
|              | Disbursements:     |            | <u>320.82</u> |
|              | Balance Dec. 31st. |            | \$7,426.77    |

|                         |            |            |  |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Assets:                 |            |            |  |
| Burlington Savings Bank | \$1,000.00 |            |  |
| 227 Shares Geo. Putnam  | 3,177.58   |            |  |
| 228 Shares M. I. T.     | 2,928.48   |            |  |
| Checking Account        | 320.71     | \$7,426.77 |  |

## CONNOR FUND

|              |                    |            |               |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| Jan. 1, 1965 | Balance            | \$3,538.15 |               |
|              | Receipts:          |            |               |
|              | Dividends          | 52.00      |               |
|              | Capital Gains      | 128.00     |               |
|              | Interest           | 42.50      | \$3,760.65    |
|              | Disbursements:     |            | <u>184.10</u> |
|              | Balance Dec. 31st. |            | \$3,576.55    |

|                         |            |            |  |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Assets:                 |            |            |  |
| Burlington Savings Bank | \$1,000.00 |            |  |
| 200 Shares Am. Mutual   | 1,888.00   |            |  |
| Checking Account        | 688.55     | \$3,576.55 |  |

## HOISINGTON FUND

|              |                    |            |              |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Jan. 1, 1965 | Balance            | \$2,722.79 |              |
|              | Receipts:          |            |              |
|              | Dividends          | 27.00      |              |
|              | Capital Gains      | 87.00      |              |
|              | Interest           | 50.15      | \$2,886.94   |
|              | Disbursements:     |            | <u>14.00</u> |
|              | Balance Dec. 31st. |            | \$2,872.94   |

|                            |            |            |  |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Assets:                    |            |            |  |
| 100 Shares Inv. Co. of Am. | \$1,034.00 |            |  |
| Savings Account            | 1,369.42   |            |  |
| Checking Account           | 469.52     | \$2,872.94 |  |

# CEMETERY TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

## Investments and Savings Accounts:

|                                  |            |             |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Burlington Savings               | \$5,885.12 |             |
| Vt. National & Savings           | 1,382.96   |             |
| U.S. Treasury Bond @ 3½%         | 1,500.00   |             |
| U.S. Treasury Bond @ 4%          | 2,500.00   |             |
| 518 Shares Geo. Putnam           | 7,982.73   |             |
| 178 Shares M. I. T.              | 2,609.36   |             |
| 620 Shares Wellington Fund, Inc. | 10,291.67  |             |
| (Plain Cemetery-Hicks Fund)      |            | \$32,151.84 |

## Income from Investments:

|                              |           |             |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Geo. Putnam dividends        | \$ 243.46 |             |
| " " capital gains            | 284.90    |             |
| M. I. T. dividends           | 62.30     |             |
| M. I. T. capital gains       | 64.08     |             |
| Wellington (Hicks) dividends | 204.60    |             |
| " " capital gains            | 421.60    | \$ 1,280.94 |

|                    |     |        |           |
|--------------------|-----|--------|-----------|
| Income from Bonds: | 3½% | 48.76  |           |
|                    | 4%  | 100.00 | \$ 148.76 |

## Income from Savings Accounts:

|                        |        |           |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Burlington Savings     | 243.61 |           |
| Vt. National & Savings | 30.87  | \$ 274.48 |

## Checking Account:

|                                   |          |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Jan. 1st. Balance                 | \$ 42.25 |             |
| Transferred from savings account: |          |             |
| April 1st.                        | 200.00   |             |
| May 20th.                         | 500.00   |             |
| June 10th.                        | 500.00   |             |
| Aug. 6th.                         | 200.00   | \$ 1,442.25 |

## Disbursements:

|                                       |         |                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Bank service charge                   | \$ 5.76 |                 |
| Celia Martin (for Ascutney Cemetery)  | 200.98  |                 |
| Raymond Baker (for services rendered) | 810.10  |                 |
| Richard Salter (plants)               | 15.00   |                 |
| Grace Stevens (for Bow Cemetery)      | 300.00  | <u>1,331.84</u> |
| Balance December 31st.                |         | \$ 110.41       |

## Trustees of Public Money

Andrew A. Titcomb  
Percy I. Bliss  
Helen W. May

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT - 1965

In reviewing the work done at the various cemeteries, we find that at the larger ones, the usual care was given by the help of the three Associations connected with them, using money from these sources to supplement the income derived from the trust funds held by the town.

At Ascutneyville it has been the custom to mow the whole cemetery every two weeks which has kept it in excellent condition, in addition to this a few graves were filled in the past year. In the report from there this year we were told that the late Clarence Martin left in his will the sum of \$25,000 to the Ascutneyville Cemetery Association to be known as the "Martin Memorial Fund" the interest only to be used for the general care and maintenance of the Ascutneyville Cemetery. The commissioners feel this should be appreciated by every resident of Weathersfield as it will forever relieve the town of any financial burden as to the up-keep of that Cemetery.

At the Bow, the entire Cemetery was fertilized and paid for through a separate account in the Weathersfield Bow Cemetery Association. At the Bow many very old stones were cleaned by sand blasting, removing much unsightly discoloration and this was paid for through the Community Fund there. Due to the dry summer the grass on the endowed lots was not cut as often as in previous years.

At the Plain the endowed lots were taken care of as usual. From the income derived from the Grace N. Hicks trust fund, the stonewall on the west side was partially relaid, it is the intention to complete the entire length this year. Much rubbish, tin cans, glass jars and grass has been dumped over this wall for years and a good portion of this was removed and paid for from the income on the Hicks fund. The long iron fence was scraped when found necessary and the whole fence repainted. This was paid for from funds belonging to the Plain Cemetery Association.

At Greenbush we are indebted to the 4H Rangers and their leader Mrs. Robert Smith for cleaning this Cemetery up before Memorial Day as they have done for some years past. We say "Thank You".

The old fence around the Richards Cemetery in Ascutney was removed and a new one put in its place. The cost of this being paid by one of our citizens.

The other Cemeteries through out the town were cleaned up and mowed once as is done every year. This work is paid for out of the General Fund of the town, Selectmen's Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Stevens  
Louise W. Covell  
Andrew A. Titcomb  
Cecile P. Martin  
Claude R. Butterfield

## FIRE WARDENS REPORT

Once again your Warden is pleased to report no major forest fires in Weathersfield during the year 1965, and once again wishes to thank all residents for their cooperation in their watchfulness and care during hazardous periods.

There were a few small fires started but quick work prevented any large areas being burned over. Thru efforts of Ascutney Volunteer Fire Dept. and others, our fire loss should be small this year. Our Dept. has added a 700 gal. Tanker this year which is a great improvement and added protection to us all.

We can still add to the effeciency of this Volunteer Fire Dept. by providing radio contact with outside towns. This is almost a must as has been proven by a 2 A.M. fire in the sticks.

Looking forward to as good a year in 1966 as 1965,

Percy Bliss, Warden  
Arthur Conner, Deputy Warden

Tel. Numbers to call:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Windsor 1154W | Warden     |
| Windsor 38W5  | Fire Chief |
| Windsor 969W  | Whipple    |

## FIRE WARDENS REPORT

Although 1965 was a very dry year, there were only three fires here which required my services. They were at Upper Falls in Perkinsville, the dam area below Stoughton Pond, and the Clifton Moore meadow. All were caused by the carelessness of hunters and campers. These were under control quickly, thanks to fire conscious people who reported seeing smoke.

I am required to investigate every report of a fire, so it saves a lot of trouble for you and me if you remember to call me at Perkinsville 263-2324 for a permit before you burn. You must apply for a burning permit at all times, excepting when there is snow on the ground.

You can also buy, through me, new pack pumps at a reduced rate; or you may borrow one from me.

Thank you again to all who co-operated so well and helped to prevent a serious forest fire.

Arthur T. Conner  
Fire Warden for Perkinsville area

## CONSTABLES REPORT

The constables report for the year 1965 very nearly duplicates the previous year with the exception of the farm fire.

More of our towns peoples dogs have been in trouble this year. People have been bitten and property damaged. In all these cases, the dogs should have been kept at home. As our population expands, we find that the wide open spaces are narrowing down, and our neighbors property is creeping closer to ours. If animals do damage, the owner is responsible for and directly answerable to the Town Selectmen for the animals' actions. The animal must be confined to the safety of his owners boundaries. It might be of interest, that any dog that has been in trouble during the previous year can be refused a license the following year and thus would have to be disposed of.

Automobile speeds and numbers of travelers are notably on the increase, as noted from the previous year. It would appear that the intersection at Route 5 and Route 131 has been improved by the new approaches and stop lights. The intersection at Route 131 and Route 106 at Downers Corners is proving to be a dangerous intersection. The hurrying through motorist is not attentive to the cross traffic of the other through road and fails to stop at the well marked stop signs. It would seem as though some better system of traffic control should be programmed for this spot.

The usual types of vandalism are prevalent along with others brought in from outside our area. Window breaking is associated with the children while growing up, but, now that automobiles are to be had by almost everyone, we find that children get to be older and harder to control. Vigilance both by the parents and by law officials is important. Those that insist on doing misdemeanors will have to be dealt with according to their crime.

Richard A. Conner  
1st Constable, Weathersfield

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

This thirtieth in the series of annual reports submitted to the people of Weathersfield presents tabulations for the calendar year 1965. In the Department of Social Welfare's program of assistance to the aged, blind or disabled 30% of the costs of hospital and physician services, as well as the excess over \$80.00 per month in Nursing Home care, are assessed against the town of settlement of the recipients of such care. Participation charges incurred by your community during the past year for each of these types of care were as follows:

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nursing Home Care . . . . .        | \$ 936.00 |
| Hospitalization Services . . . . . | \$        |
| Physician Services . . . . .       | \$ 26.10  |

Under similar settlement provisions town participation in the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children is at the rate of one-eighth the assistance grants while costs incurred for the care of Committed Children are borne equally by the local and state agencies. Charges assessed against your community for the former amounted to \$637.93 and for the latter \$ - for the years just closed.

During 1965 assistance was granted to 3 residents in your community under the Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled Program. Direct money payments to these persons were financed entirely out of state-federal funds. Among the other programs financed from these same sources were Services for the Blind, Adoption Services and Medical Aid for the Aged. While no town-by-town records are compiled for these categories, their benefits were available to all qualified residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Wackerman  
Commissioner of Social Welfare

VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNUAL TOWN REPORT, 1965

This is a report to the residents of your town describing the health services which have been rendered during 1965 (July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965). These services are carefully planned so that maximum benefit may be gained from each tax dollar. For instance, one clinic may serve many towns if the number of patients is small. On the other hand, when a service is needed in town, we make every attempt to provide it.

I invite you to discuss this report with your friends and health officer and I would welcome any impressions which you care to forward to me.

The following is a list of some of the health services to the residents of Weathersfield:

|                                                                                                                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Attendance at well child clinics                                                                                                       | 148 |
| Nutrition, dietary consultations to institutions, groups, individuals                                                                  | -   |
| Pediatric consultations for child health problems                                                                                      | -   |
| Number of children given diagnostic service at hospitals                                                                               | -   |
| Number of children aided at handicapped children's clinics for speech and hearing, orthopedic, plastic, neurological, cardiac problems | 2   |

|                                                               |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of children financially aided with hospitalization     | -   |
| Number of children served by mental retardation clinics       | -   |
| People x-rayed for tuberculosis detection                     | 15  |
| Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping-cough immunizations             | 46  |
| Polio immunizations (Salk injection or Sabin oral) at clinics | 89  |
| Number of water samples tested (private and public supplies)  | 59  |
| Food and dairy products tested                                | -   |
| Blood specimens (premarital, prenatal and other)              | 44  |
| Other laboratory specimens                                    | 2   |
| Sanitary inspections, consultations (food and lodging, camps) | 59  |
| Water, sewage disposal, public building and other inspections | 13  |
| People x-rayed for occupational diseases                      | 6   |
| Hospital and nursing home inspections and consultations       | -   |
| Number served by tumor clinics                                | 2   |
| Public Health Nurse home visits                               | 368 |
| Number served by Public Health Nurse visits                   | 179 |

Respectfully submitted

R. B. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner of Health

#### WEATHERSFIELD HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT FOR 1965

The 1965 following communicable diseases from Weathersfield were reported to your Health Officer:

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Chicken Pox          | 3  |
| Infectious Hepatitis | 3  |
| Measles              | 28 |
| Mumps                | 13 |
| Whooping Cough       | 12 |

I have assisted Miss Monti at different clinics in Ascutney. Many water sample bottles have been distributed regarding water samples and water supply.

I would like to thank Mrs. Helen May for calling in and reporting a number of the cases.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Johnson, LPN - Health Officer

## OVERSEERS REPORT

At the present time Surplus Food Commodities are being drawn for about the same number as last year. During the year the number has varied, but has averaged about the same as last year.

The Total amount of commodities distributed during the year was approximately Ten tons.

### Summary - 1968

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Medical & Hospital                   | \$18,866.18 |
| Groceries, Fuel, Lights, Rent        | 1,871.76    |
| Government Surplus Food Distribution |             |
| Monthly Freeze Locker                | 94.88       |
| Freight on Commodities               | 287.88      |
| Department of Social Welfare         |             |
| Aid to Dependent Children            | 426.40      |
| Nursing Home care detail             | 294.28      |
| Room and Board                       | 56.88       |
| Miscellaneous Expenses               | 438.28      |
| Service, Mileage, & Expenses         | 573.48      |
| Total Expenses                       | \$24,729.76 |

Individual gifts during the year amounted to \$6,443.73.

If the Medical & Hospital expenses seem high it will be noted that most of the individual gift receipts were refunds from the state for Medical & Hospital expenses thus cutting down the actual Medical & Hospital expenses by over \$6,000.00.

I have submitted my budget to the Boardmen for the coming year, and unless something unforeseen happens I trust that the expenses for the coming year can be kept within the budget proposed.

Overett E. Bryant  
Overseer

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT - 1965  
B I R T H S

| <u>Name of Child</u>    | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Birth Date</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Father's Name</u>        | <u>Mother's Maiden Name</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Scott Lee Folmsbee      | M          | Jan. 14           | Windsor               | Perkinsville     | Rosco Anthony Folmsbee      | Dorothy Frances Baker       |
| Mindy Jean McAllister   | F          | Jan. 30           | Windsor               | Weathersfield    | Glenford Aldis McAllister   | Ruth May Butterfield        |
| Darrin Rodney Spaulding | M          | Feb. 9            | Windsor               | Ascutney         | Rodney Keith Spaulding      | Nancy Ann Steele            |
| Marsha Louise Davis     | F          | Feb. 28           | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Phillip Leon Davis          | Dortia Ann Brown            |
| Christian Eric Jaquith  | M          | Mar. 15           | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Reginald Eric Jaquith       | Carol Lee Boe               |
| Paula Michele Grafton   | F          | May 1             | Springfield           | Windsor          | Paul Michael Grafton        | Barbara Rae Johnston        |
| Scott Van Dion          | M          | May 4             | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Eugene Paul Dion            | Laura Ann Snide             |
| Venessa Ann Holden      | F          | May 11            | Springfield           | Amsden           | Kenneth Randall Holden      | Charlotte Rosetta Fuller    |
| Ronald Wilbur Horton    | M          | Oct. 5            | Springfield           | Weathersfield    | Raymond William Horton      | Bertha Etta Stoughton       |
| Nancy Lynn LaClaire     | F          | Oct. 13           | Windsor               | Amsden           | Isadore John LaClaire       | Sylvia Arlene Vittum        |
| Michael Edward Murray   | M          | Oct. 19           | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Robert John Murray          | Theresa Carmen Sigouin      |
| Donna Marie Amsden      | F          | Oct. 25           | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Wayne Irwin Amsden, Jr.     | Sandra Lee Kinchen          |
| Barbara Jean Stapleton  | F          | Nov. 5            | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Kerry Allen Stapleton       | Denise Alice Trombly        |
| Vicki Jean Davidson     | F          | Dec. 31           | Springfield           | Perkinsville     | Malcolm James Davidson, Sr. | Betty Jean Brown            |

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT - 1965

D E A T H S

| <u>Name</u>             | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Place of Death</u> | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Place of Burial</u>      |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Charles Rupert Bronson  | M          | 94         | Jan. 19th   | Weathersfield         | Weathersfield    | Weathersfield Bow           |
| Eslie Haling Jones      | M          | 77         | Jan. 26th   | Weathersfield         | Weathersfield    | Brookside Cemetery, Chester |
| Bertha Kathan Farr      | F          | 67         | April 18    | Springfield           | ----             | Plain Cemetery              |
| Ronald Elmer Hoisington | M          | 56         | April 27th  | Weathersfield         | Weathersfield    | Plain Cemetery              |
| Almira Putnam Luther    | F          | 91         | May 29th    | Bellows Falls         | ----             | Plain Cemetery              |
| James Edmund Mahoney    | M          | 53         | June 17th   | Springfield           | Springfield      | Plain Cemetery              |
| Anne Squire             | F          | 76         | July 7th    | Cabot, Vermont        | ----             | Plain Cemetery              |
| Ruth I. Stillson        | F          | 79         | July 27th   | Claremont, N.H.       | ----             | Ascutneyville Cemetery      |
| James Levi Tuttle       | M          | 60         | Aug. 1st    | Claremont, N.H.       | ----             | Ascutneyville Cemetery      |
| Mary Florence Hitchcock | F          | 87         | Aug. 12th   | Windsor               | Weathersfield    | Ascutneyville Cemetery      |
| Everett Fay Simpson     | M          | 67         | Aug. 21st   | Bellows Falls         | ----             | Plain Cemetery              |
| Ralph Hollis Coffran    | M          | 74         | Oct. 3rd    | Windsor               | ----             | Ascutney Cemetery           |
| Irving D. Russell       | M          | 68         | Oct. 30th   | Claremont, N.H.       | ----             | Ascutneyville Cemetery      |
| Mary Mina Childs        | F          | 74         | Dec. 18th   | Manchester, Vt.       | ----             | Plain Cemetery              |
| Dianne Green Hughes     | F          | 25         | Dec. 25th   | Rutland, Vt.          | ----             | Plain Cemetery              |
| Edith L. Jarvis         | F          | 76         | Dec. 18th   | Weathersfield         | Weathersfield    | Ascutneyville Cemetery      |
| Julius E. Frederick     | M          | 77         | Dec. 26th   | Weathersfield         | Weathersfield    | Plain Cemetery              |

# RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT - 1965

## M A R R I A G E S

| <u>Name of Groom</u>     | <u>Residence</u>  | <u>Name of Bride</u>    | <u>Residence</u>    | <u>Date</u> | <u>Place of Marriage</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Francis J. King          | Charlestown, N.H. | Kathleen M. Howard      | Perkinsville        | Jan. 21st   | Charlestown, N.H.        |
| Paul LeRoy Sylvia        | Weathersfield     | Carol Ann Balargeon     | Weathersfield       | Jan. 23rd   | Springfield, Vt.         |
| Ronald Fred Dana         | Weathersfield     | Margo Beth Parker       | Springfield         | Feb. 20th   | North Springfield        |
| Donald Paul Dana         | Weathersfield     | Paula Marie Richardson  | Springfield         | March 25th  | Springfield              |
| John James Oliver, Jr.   | Weathersfield     | Nylene Elvatine Wheeler | Chester             | May 8th     | Chester                  |
| Robert Romain Whitcomb   | Cornish, N.H.     | Jean Mary Hinkley       | Weathersfield       | June 13th   | Ascutney                 |
| Leon Earle Saucier       | Weathersfield     | Merilyn Jeanee Fay      | Windsor             | June 19th   | Windsor                  |
| Richard Atamian          |                   |                         |                     |             |                          |
| Garabedian               |                   |                         |                     |             |                          |
| Kimball James Belknap    | Salem, N. H.      | Kilby-Anne Cobb         | Weathersfield       | June 26th   | Springfield              |
| Ronald Herbert Davis     | Weathersfield     | Patricia Pearl Craigue  | Springfield         | July 3rd    | Springfield              |
| Curtis Musick            | Weathersfield     | Janel Covey             | South Woodbury, Vt. | July 10th   | Weathersfield Center     |
| David Bruce Houghton     | Baltimore, Md.    | Norma Mary Rash         | Weathersfield       | July 10th   | Windsor                  |
| Joseph Herbert Schaeffer | Weathersfield     | Pamela Ann Wilcox       | Springfield         | July 16th   | Springfield              |
| Roger Paul Roys          | Middletown, Pa.   | Jane Winchell Illigen   | Stamford, Conn      | July 31st   | Weathersfield Center     |
| David Roland Undeen      | Springfield       | Bonnie Lee Olney        | Weathersfield       | Sept. 11th  | North Springfield        |
|                          | Amsden            | Ann Marie Hunt          | Springfield         | Dec. 26th   | Springfield              |

# WARNING

## WEATHERSFIELD TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1966

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and the Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in Weathersfield Center, Vermont on Tuesday, March 1, 1966 at 10:00 A.M. to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator and a Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town? Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?

The vote under this article shall be by ballot and the ballot box shall be open at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 3:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1965.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Treasurer, in lieu of the statutory 1%, a straight salary of \$2,400.00 for the year which will include travel expenses and to pay other town officers \$1.25 an hour and \$.08 a mile for travel on town business.

ARTICLE 6. To elect Town and School Officers.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$800.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch; \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books to be added to the War Memorial Library.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the land and buildings of the Weathersfield Historical Society from all town taxes, both real estate and personal property, for a period of five years. (By request.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to execute a deed transferring the Amsden School building and land to the heirs of Charles Amsden in accordance with the provisions of his deeds of 1882 and 1884 to School District #8.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute a deed returning free of charge the water rights connected with the Amsden School to Leroy D. and Josephine E. Guyette, who deeded them free of charge to the Town in 1951.

ARTICLE 12. Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three to study the feasibility of a joint town manager system of government with a neighboring town. (By request.)

ARTICLE 13. Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used in conjunction with State Funds for construction on the Center Road. (These funds if voted to be matched by the State, their share being \$4,000.00).

ARTICLE 14. Will the Town vote the sum of \$1,000.00 for resealing and repair of approximately 1 mile of black top on the Center Road. (These funds if voted to be matched by the State, their share being \$2,000.00).

ARTICLE 15. Will the Town vote \$4,000.00 for the construction of a bridge, referred to as the Hammond Bridge, over Branch Brook. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$20,000.00, the State pays 80% and the Town's share is 20%.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of highway funds for the purpose of improving Maple Street in Perkinsville, Town Highway #21 and #25 by culvert construction, graveling and ~~hard~~ surfacing. Estimate of cost \$6,000. (By petition.)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of not over \$400.00 to provide radio equipment for the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department. (By request.)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of the Lebanon Regional Airport. (By request.)

ARTICLE 19. Will the Town instruct the auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditor of accounts as provided for in Title 24, Section 1692-1697 to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town. (By law.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Directors to use the balance in the Building Fund Account to pay for or help pay for replacing one bus and adding a second one.

ARTICLE 21. To see what tax rate the Town will vote to pay the current expenses of said Town and Town School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

To pay taxes to Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due May 15 and delinquent after May 31st.

To have real and personal taxes due August 1 and delinquent after Nov. 1.

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business necessary and proper.

Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont, February 9, 1966.

Irving A. McCoy     )  
Philip H. Woodbury   ) Selectmen  
Delmer M. Kelley     )

# DOG LICENSES ISSUED 1965

## By April 1st

|                   |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 142 males         | @ \$2.00 | \$284.00 |
| 94 spayed females | 2.00     | 188.00   |
| 41 females        | 6.00     | 246.00   |

## After April 1st

|                  |      |                 |
|------------------|------|-----------------|
| 20 males         | 3.00 | 60.00           |
| 6 spayed females | 3.00 | 18.00           |
| 3 females        | 9.00 | 27.00           |
|                  |      | <u>\$823.00</u> |

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Fees to Clerk (306 @ 25¢) | <u>76.50</u> |
| To Town Treasurer         | \$746.50     |

A REMINDER WHEN LICENSING DOGS FOR 1966 DUE BY APRIL 1, 1966

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES EXPIRE IN 30 MONTHS...NOT 3 YEARS! SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR DOGS IMMUNIZATION DATE BEFORE APPLYING FOR LICENSE.

New law enacted by the 1965 legislature reads: "Title 20, Section 4003. Immunization against rabies shall be compulsory for all dogs three months of age or older. A town clerk shall not issue a license for any dog three months of age or older, unless the owner of such dog shall first present a certificate signed by a registered veterinarian, stating that such dog has within thirty months been vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the department of agriculture."

Dogs should be licensed when four months old...even if they are not four months old by April 1st...that does not excuse their being licensed for the year 1966, when they do become four months of age.

To license dogs by mail, mail old license, remittance and Rabies Immunization Certificate (if registered in Weathersfield in 1965 that information is on the 1965 license and must be checked to be sure it is within the 30 month period now required,) to: Weathersfield Town Clerk, Perkinsville, Vermont 05151, before April 1st. A spaying certificate is required to license a dog as a spayed female. Fees for late licensing dogs are FIFTY PER CENT MORE.

There may be further legislation concerning the licensing of dogs before April 1st, so watch the papers!

The Town Office in Perkinsville is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. excepting holidays.

Elizabeth G. Murray, Town Clerk



### ASCUTNEY - A CORNER DEDICATED TO PROGRESS

By Madalyn Butterfield

Old Ascutney looked to Progress, but many of us were not prepared for it. We only felt sorrow for our new corner. We missed our old maples, childrens voices ringing out from our common. We all mourned our decorative Christmas Park.

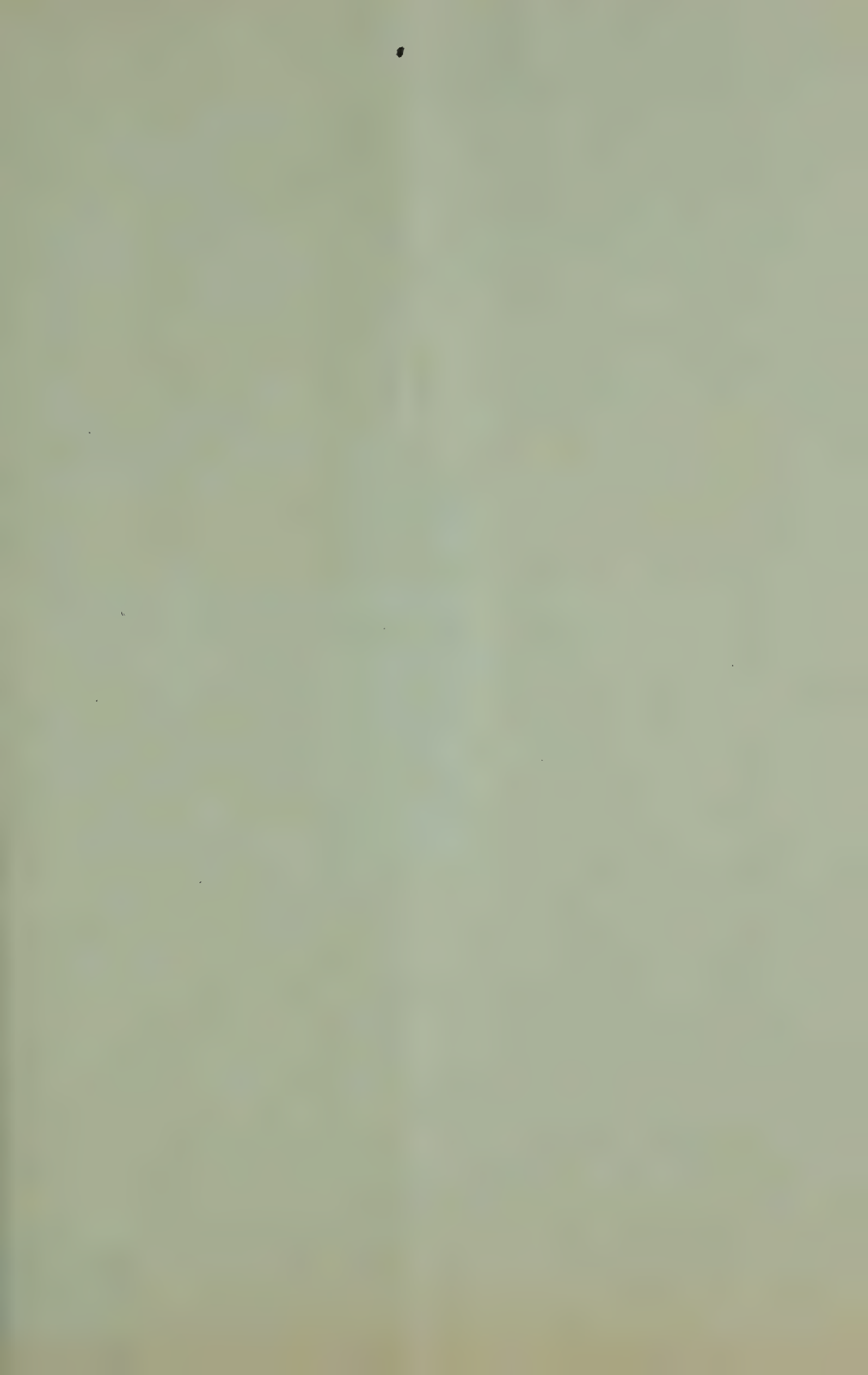
Alas! Old times, old things now gone. New Ascutney looks ahead with hope! Our hearts are lighter. New trees can be planted. Dead limbs and trees no longer would fall on cars or litter our roads.

Children are now alert to dangerous traffic. We can pass by without worry of hitting a young life dashing after a ball or just racing to join the "fellers".

Christmas lights did go up and plans can be made for future lighting. Flowers and new green grass on our islands will enhance our summer pleasures.

Hope! Yes! Most of all now that new stop signs, new stop lights and new traffic lanes will stop our nearly fatal accidents. We know when we can go or when to stop. No snowbanks hide our view.

Yes! Ascutney can now see.



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